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Attorneys for Defendant Polk Theatre, Inc.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JFP TOURING, LLC,

Plaintiff,

-against-

POLK THEATER, INC.,

Defendant.



Civil Action No.:

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446, Defendant, Polk Theatre, Inc. ("Defendant") by and through its attorneys Ford & Harrison LLP, hereby removes the civil action, Index No. 601130/07, based on this Court's original "diversity" jurisdiction, from the Supreme Court, State of New York, in and for New York County, New York, to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The removal of this civil action is proper because:

- 1. Defendant is the only defendant in this civil action filed in the Supreme Court, State of New York, in and for New York County, New York, Index No. 601130/07, on or about March 27, 2007, captioned "JFP Touring, LLC v. Polk Theatre, Inc.," (the "State Court Action.").
- 2. Defendant is a Florida, Non-Profit Corporation and its principal (and only) place of business in Lakeland, Polk County, Florida. For establishing complete diversity of

citizenship, "a corporation shall be deemed to be a citizen of any State by which it has been incorporated and of the State where it has its principal place of business." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1). Plaintiff has its principle place of business in New York County, New York, (Complaint ¶1). As such, diversity of the parties is complete.

- 3. In Plaintiff's Complaint, Plaintiff, JFP Touring, LLC. ("Plaintiff"), alleges Defendant breached an agreement to present a production of *On Golden Pond* at its theatre in Polk County, Florida. (Complaint at ¶21, 24).
- 4. In Plaintiff's Complaint, Plaintiff alleges damages in the amount of \$450,000.00, plus interest, exclusive of costs and fees. (Complaint at ¶25, 30, 31, and Summons). As such, the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional threshold of \$75,000.00 to trigger this Court's diversity jurisdiction.
- 5. Defendant was served with the Summons and Complaint in the State Court Action on April 13, 2007. This removal petition is therefore timely as it is filed within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Summons and Complaint. See 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).
- 6. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), a copy of the Summons and Complaint, which are the only pleadings that have been served on Defendant in this matter, are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 7. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), written notice of the filing of this Notice will be served on Plaintiff, the only adverse party, and a copy of this Notice will also be filed concurrently with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, State of New York, in and for New York County, New York, Index No. 601130/07, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

8. As there is complete diversity of citizenship between the parties, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, removal is appropriate pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332.

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, Defendant respectfully submits that removal of this action from the Supreme Court, State of New York, in and for New York County, New York, to this Court is proper.

Dated: April 26, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

FORD & HARRISON LLP

By:

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Attorneys for Defendant Polk Theatre, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Removal has been served by Hand Delivery upon:

Leslie H. Ben-Zvi, Esquire 1790 Broadway – 10th Floor New York, NY 10019

Attorneys for Plaintiff JFP Touring, LLC

Dated: April 26, 2007

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EXHIBIT A

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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JFP TOURING, LLC.

Plaintiff,

-against -

POLK THEATRE, INC.,

Defendant.

SUMMONS

Index No. 601130 07

Plaintiff designates New York County as the place of trial

The basis of venue is: Plaintiff's Residence

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Verified Complaint in this Action and to serve a copy of your Verified Answer or, if the Verified Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance upon Plaintiffs' attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded herein.

The nature of the action, the relief sought and the sum of the money for which judgment may be taken in case of the default are as follows: breach of contract, fraudulent misrepresentation; \$100,000.00 plus interest in compensatory damages and \$300,000.00 plus interest in punitive damages.

Dated: New York, New York March 27, 2007

Yours, etc.,

LESLIE H. BEN-ZVI, ĖSQ

Attorney for Plaintiff

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JFP TOURING, LLC,		VERIFIED COMPLAINT
1	Plaintiff,	Index No.
-against -	*	
POLK THEATRE, INC.,		
1	Defendant.	•

Plaintiff JFP TOURING, LLC, by its attorney, LESLIE H. BEN-ZVI, ESQ., respectfully alleges as follows:

- Plaintiff JFP TOURING, LLC ("Plaintiff") is a New York Limited Liability Company with offices located at 1501 Broadway, Suite 2003, New York, NY 10036.
- Defendant POLK THEATRE, INC. ("Defendant") is, upon information and belief,
 a Florida Corporation with offices located at 127 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, FL 33801.
- 3. Plaintiff is a theatrical producer and owns the rights to produce the play On Golden Pond.
- 4. Avid Touring Group, Ltd. is the exclusive agent through which Plaintiff, as principal, produces and books performances of *On Golden Pond* at theatres throughout the United States.
- 5. Between approximately mid-August 2006 and September 18, 2006, Plaintiff and Defendant negotiated the terms of an agreement by which Plaintiff would produce and Defendant would present *On Golden Pond* at Defendant's theater in Lakeland, Florida.
- 6. On or about September 18, 2006, following approximately one month of negotiations as to the terms and conditions of said engagement, Plaintiff and Defendant reached a meeting of the

minds whereupon Plaintiff sent Defendant an Engagement Memorandum ("the Agreement") dated September 18, 2006, which codified the numerous terms and conditions negotiated by Plaintiff and Defendant.

7. The Agreement expressly set forth, *inter alia*, the following terms and conditions which had been negotiated by the parties:

A.	Presenter:	Defen	dant would be the presenter of On Golden Pond
В.	Venue		venue at which On Golden Pond would be ated would be the Polk Theatre in Lakeland, a
C.	Load-In	The loa 28, 20	ad-in would take place on Wednesday, February
D.	Engagement Period		performances of On Golden Pond would take on Wednesday, February 28, 2007
E.	Performance Schedule		olden Pond would be performed at 3:00 pm and m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2007.
F.	Engagement Terms	(i)	Defendant would pay Plaintiff (i) the sum of \$45,000.00, (ii) Ten (10%) Percent of the Net adjusted Gross Box Office Receipts for the two performances and (iii) Sixty (60%) Percent of the Net Adjusted Gross Box Office Receipts for the two performances.

- (ii) A deposit in the amount of \$22,500.00 would be paid to Plaintiff by Defendant on or before January 29, 2007 by wire transfer and would be deemed to be an advance against the aforementioned \$45,000.00
- (iii) The balance of \$22,500.00 would be paid at 3:00 pm on February 28, 2007, i.e., prior to the opening curtain of the matinee performance of *On Golden Pond* on February 28, 2007.

- (iv) The aforementioned payment of Ten (10%)
 Percent of the Net adjusted Gross Box Office
 Receipts for the two performances would be
 paid at the intermission of the evening
 performance of *On Golden Pond* on February
 28, 2007.
- (v) The aforementioned payment of Sixty (60%) Percent of the Net Adjusted Gross Box Office Receipts for the two performances would be paid at the intermission of the evening performance of On Golden Pond on February 28, 2007.performances.
- G. Bank Information

The aforementioned wire transfers to be issued to Plaintiff by Defendant were to be sent to Plaintiff's bank, JPMorgan Chase Bank, Ground Floor, 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York, NY 10081 and were to be directed to Plaintiff's account number # 1512-0848-1065

H. Expenses

The parties incorporated by reference the following approved expenses as set forth on Schedule A to the Agreement:

Stagehands/Technical Services	\$7000.00
Utilities	\$150.00
Playbill Printing	\$1000.00
Cleaning	\$150.00
General Expenses/Theatre Rental	\$1200.00
Hospitality	\$500,00
Hotel	\$300,00
House Manager	\$264,00
Advertising	\$2000.00
	\$12,564,00

I. Star Requirements:

The parties agreed that per the Technical Requirements Rider, all star requirements would be a Defendant Expense.

Defendant would provide two (2) one-bedroom suites (one suite for each star) in a First Class deluxe accommodation for the duration of the stay during the Engagement. Each suite was to have a separate sleeping room from the parlor and all accommodations were to be approved by the company manager.

Defendant would provide two (2) private star dressing rooms, both of which would contain a firll bathroom, refrigerator, cot/sofa, fully lighted mirrors, chairs, coffee and tea service, sodas, and non-carbonated bottled water on ice as outlined in the Technical Requirements Rider. A fruit plate was to be provided on the Opening Night performance. If there was a private shared lounge between the two star dressing rooms, then all hospitality items could be placed in the lounge to be shared by the stars.

Defendant would provide limousine or Town Car transportation to and from airport, to the hotel, to and from hotel to theatre, and to and from all press events as outlined in Technical Requirements Rider.

J. Advertising Copy:

Not to exceed 15% on approved electronic, print, and outdoor advertising only. No commission on production or trade.

K. Program Copy:

The cost of printing the Company's 9.5-pages of program copy will be included in the local fixed expenses.

L. Ticket Prices:

The parties incorporated by reference, the ticket prices set forth on Schedule B to the Agreement. The parties agree as follows: The Box Office manifest would reflect all seats in the theatre; no seats would be held off the manifest, so-called "Corporate seats" and "Donor seats" etc., must appear on the Box Office manifest and be included in the calculation of gross box office receipts at full-value of the applicable seating tier. Defendant informed Plaintiff that there were One Hundred (100) kills/obstructed view seats, which would not be utilized, and that patron (paid or comp) would be seated in said seats. The parties further agreed that the date on which tickets would go on sale to the public was yet to be determined.

M. Discounts:

The parties incorporated by reference the following discounts as indicated on Schedule B to the Agreement. Notably, Defendant made handwritten, initialed changes upon the Agreement before returning it to Plaintiff.

 Section 1
 690 seats @ \$38.00 for a total of \$26,220.00

 Section 2
 262 seats @ \$27.00 for a total of \$7,074.00

 Section 3
 352 seats @ \$20.00 for a total of \$7,040.00

Gross Potential:

\$80,668.00

Deductions:

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The parties incorporate by reference Schedule B for approved deductions and agreed as follows: not more than one (1) type of percentage sales commission would be charged on any one (1) ticket and sales commissions would be calculated on ticket prices net of restoration charges and taxes, if any.

For purposes of Group Commissions, the parties agreed that a group would be defined as a minimum of ten (10) tickets at one performance, which were purchased by a single customer and that there would be no "bundling" of tickets from various performances or different buyers in determining a group minimum.

O. Complimentary, Press Trade, or House Tickets:

There would be no complimentary or trade tickets of any kind without the prior written approval of Plaintiff's representative.

The parties would each receive four (4) complimentary tickets for Opening Night and two (2) complimentary tickets for all other performances. Plaintiff must approve any additional complimentary tickets in writing in advance.

P. Company House Seats:

Plaintiff required Twenty (20) house seats per performance for purchase in the center Orchestra Section Premium Seats under 48 hour hold, to be sold at regular box office prices.

Q. Advertising Budget:

The weekly advertising budget would be as indicated on Schedule A unless otherwise approved in writing by Plaintiff of Plaintiff's national press representative. All other marketing expenses would be subject to the prior written approval of Plaintiff or Plaintiff's national press representative. Only those advertising and promotional materials furnished by Plaintiff could be used for the Engagement; any proposed changes would be subject to the prior written approval of Plaintiff or Plaintiff's national press representative.

R. Marketing:

The advance sale timeline and preliminary marketing campaign had to be submitted to Plaintiff representative within 30 days of public or private announcement. The advertising budget and marketing plan had to be submitted within 30 days of the on-sale and arc subject to the prior written approval of Plaintiff's national press representative.

Excepting Defendant's season brochure which would be sent only to previous series subscribers, Defendant agreed not to advertise the Engagement until after December 10, 2006.

Defendant would submit its marketing plans and advertising budget to Plaintiff's national press representative, Anita Dloniak, tel: (216) 398-J931, fax: (216) 661-4645 and e-mail: anitad@stratos.net.

S. Technical Rider:

Attached to the Agreement was the preliminary Technical Rider as of August 9, 2006, which was subject to change due to local conditions. Defendant expressly agreed to the terms of said attached Technical Rider.

Any Additional Costs due to local conditions would be a Fixed Engagement Expense.

T. **Special Provisions:**

The form and manner of billing credits and sponsors on tickets would be determined by Plaintiff and Defendant would promptly and fully comply with said determination. Ticket stock would be printed as follows: "Show Sponsor Name TBA Presents ON GOLDEN POND".

Plaintiff would have the right to purchase seats for the tour sponsor at regular box office prices.

There would be no commission charged for any group booked by or on behalf of a company member through the company.

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Repeat Engagements: Nothing in the agreement would obligate Plaintiff to afford subsequent presentation rights to Defendant.

·V. Booking Agent: It was expressly agreed that Avid Touring Group, Ltd. was authorized to act as Plaintiff's designee on Plaintiff's behalf, but that Avid Touring Group, Ltd. was not a producer or presenter of the Production or a party to the Agreement and that Avid Touring Group, Ltd. was not be held responsible by Defendant for any of Plaintiff's obligations under the

Agreement, or by Plaintiff for any of Defendant's obligations under the Agreement.

W. Prevailing Terms: In the event the Agreement, Schedules and/or Technical Rider conflicted with any terms contained in any of Defendant's riders and/or addenda, the terms of the Agreement, Schedules and/or Technical Rider would prevail over Defendant's riders and/or addenda.

- Between September 18, 2006 and October 27, 2006, Plaintiff and Defendant engaged 8. in further negotiations and clarifications with regard to the aforesaid terms.
- On October 19, 2006, Plaintiff sent Defendant an email which inquired whether 9. Defendant, who had not returned the signed Agreement, was "bailing on this engagement." Defendant responded as follows:

Absolutely not . . . Maybe you should know that we have an excellent reputation never cancelling shows...EVER!!! You would not know that as we haven't worked together before. You will never have to lose confidence with us as a client.

- By October 24, 2006, Defendant advised Plaintiff that it (i) had already printed a 10. brochure for its season ticket holders that included a listing for On Golden Pond plus (ii) had already begun to sell single tickets for On Golden Pond.
- On or about October 27, 2006, Plaintiff, by its Executive Director, Leslie A. Sikora, 11. (i) made handwritten changes to the 'Company House Seats' section and to Schedule B, (ii) signed the Agreement at the end thereof under the words: "ACCEPTED AND AGREED" and (iii) returned the Agreement, Schedule A, Schedule B and the Technical Rider to Defendant.
 - Following Plaintiff's receipt of the executed Agreement, the following took place: 12.
 - (i) Plaintiff planned other aspects of the On Golden Pond Tour including, but not limited to, the routing of other performance dates around the February 28, 2007 performances at Defendant's theatre;
 - Plaintiff neither sought nor accepted other On Golden Pond bookings for February (ii) 28, 2007;

- (iii) On Golden Pond bookings that were geographically inconsistent with the February 28, 2007 performances at Defendant's theatre were neither sought not accepted;
- (iv) Plaintiff incurred such unrecoupable expenses such as hotel reservations and site surveys.
- On or about December 7, 2006, Plaintiff sent Defendant four copies of a proposed agreement which did not modify any of the terms of the Agreement that had already been signed and that simply added certain additional boilerplate language as the following: (i) box office income reconciliation, (ii) Defendant's obligations regarding theatre operation, (iii) promotion and advertising, (iv) insurance.
- On January 5, 2007, Defendant sent Plaintiff a copy of a newspaper advertisement for On Golden Pond that Defendant had designed and planned to run in the local Lakeland, FL newspaper.
- 15. On January 12, 2007, Defendant asked Plaintiff to (i) forward information to Defendant to be printed in the February 28, 2007 programs and (ii) to send Defendant three movie-size posters of On Golden Pond so that Defendant, which occupies a movie palace, could display the same in conjunction with the February 28, 2007 production of On Golden Pond.
- On or about January 19, 2007, Defendant emailed Plaintiff a copy of a January 9, 2007 cover letter that Defendant alleges to have sent Plaintiff on January 9, 2007. Said cover letter was once again signed by Defendant's Executive Director, Leslie Sikora, and purported to enclose "four (4) executed copies of the [December 7, 2006] Agreement for On Golden Pond appearing at our theatre February 28, 2007 for two shows."
- 17. Defendant did not, however, include *any* copies of any such agreements with either the aforementioned January 9, 2007 letter or the January 19, 2007 email.

- On January 22, 2007, Defendant sent Plaintiff an email that the four copies of the December 7, 2006 agreement had been lost, had just been located and were now being sent to Plaintiff via Federal Express for delivery on January 23, 2007.
- 19. On January 26, 2007, at Plaintiff's own expense, Plaintiff conducted a site survey of Defendant's theatre with the full cooperation and approval of Defendant in preparation for the load-in and performances scheduled to take place on February 28, 2007.
- 20. On January 28, 2007, Defendant failed to pay Plaintiff the sum of \$22,500.00, as required under the Agreement.
- 21. By various phonecalls and by e-mail dated February 2, 2007, Defendant notified Plaintiff that (i) Defendant would not be paying Plaintiff any sums due under the Agreement and (ii) Defendant would not be presenting *On Golden Pond* as agreed on February 28, 2007.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- 22. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 21 as if fully set forth herein.
- 23. At all times herein, Plaintiff was ready, willing and able to perform all of it's obligations under the Agreement.
- 24. Defendant breached the Agreement with Plaintiff by failing to pay Plaintiff as follows:

 (i) the sum of \$45,000.00, (ii) Ten (10%) Percent of the Net adjusted Gross Box Office Receipts for the two performances and (iii) Sixty (60%) Percent of the Net Adjusted Gross Box Office Receipts for the two performances.
- 25. As a direct result, Plaintiff has been damaged in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars plus interest from January 28, 2007 and demands judgment therefor.

- (iii) On Golden Pond bookings that were geographically inconsistent with the February 28, 2007 performances at Defendant's theatre were neither sought not accepted;
- Plaintiff incurred such unrecoupable expenses such as hotel reservations and site (iv) surveys.
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- As a direct result, Plaintiff has been damaged in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars plus interest from January 28, 2007 and demands judgment therefor.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

- 26. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 25 as if fully set forth herein.
- 27. Defendant deliberately and repeatedly represented to Plaintiff between mid August 2006 and early February 2007 that Defendant was ready, willing and able to present *On Golden Pond* at the Polk Theatre in Lakeland, Florida on February 28, 2007, that Defendant had already advertised *On Golden Pond*, that Defendant had already printed tickets for *On Golden Pond*, that Defendant had FedEx'd a signed contract addendum to Plaintiff and that Defendant would pay Plaintiff as follows: (i) the sum of \$45,000.00 on or before January 28, 2007, (ii) Ten (10%) Percent of the Net adjusted Gross Box Office Receipts for the two performances and (iii) Sixty (60%) Percent of the Net Adjusted Gross Box Office Receipts for the two performances.
 - 28. Defendant knew that said representations were false at the time they were made.
- Plaintiff believed and relied upon said representations to its detriment as follows: (i) Plaintiff planned other aspects of the *On Golden Pond* Tour around the February 28, 2007 performances at Defendant's theatre, (ii) other bookings for February 28, 2007 were neither sought not accepted, (iii) bookings which were geographically inconsistent with the performances at Defendant's theatre were neither sought not accepted, (iv) unrecoupable expenses such as hotel reservations and site surveys were incurred by Plaintiff.
- As a direct result of Defendant's fraudulent representations to Plaintiff, Plaintiff has been damaged in an amount not less than One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars plus interest and demands judgment therefor.
- 31. Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages in an amount of not less than Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) Dollars plus interest and demands judgment therefor.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the Court grant Plaintiff judgment as follows:

First Cause of Action:

\$50,000.00 in compensatory damages plus interest;

Second Cause of Action:

\$100,000.00 plus interest in compensatory damages and

\$300,000.00 plus interest in punitive damages;

plus such other relief which the court shall deem just and proper including the attorneys fees and costs incurred herein.

Dated: New York, New York March 27, 2007

Yours, etc.,

LESLIE H. BEN-ZVL/ESO.

Attorney for Plaintiff 1790 Broadway - 10th Floor New York, NY 10019

(212) 719-5300 / 666-6656 Leslie@BenZviLaw.com

VERIFICATION

State of New York

County of New York) ss.:

JEFFREY FINN, being duly sworn, deposes and says,

- 1. I am the Manager and sole Member of Plaintiff in the above-captioned matter.
- 2. I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and know the contents thereof. The same is true to my own knowledge except as to those matters stated to be alleged upon information and belief and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.
- 3. The source of my knowledge and my information and belief is derived from my own knowledge of the events as well as the books and records maintained by Plaintiff.

Sworn to before me on March 2/2, 2007

JASON BARUCH Notary Public, State of New York No. 028A6106898 Qualified in New York County

Contribution Explies March 15, 2008

Notary

LESLIE H. BEN-ZVI, ESQ, an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of New York, upon the penalties of perjury, hereby certifies as follows:

Pursuant to Section 130-1.1a of the Rules of the Chief Administrator, the undersigned certifies that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the instant action is not frivolous as defined by 22 NYCRR Section 130-1.1c.

Dated: New York, New York March 27, 2007

LESLIE H. BEN-ZVI,

EXHIBIT B

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TO: Clerk of the Court Supreme Court of the State of New York County of New York 60 Centre Street New York, NY 10007

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this action has been removed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1441 et seq. Attached as Exhibit 1 to this Notice is a copy of the Notice of Removal of the abovecaptioned action, filed on behalf of Defendant, Polk Theatre, Inc., in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on this date.

[signatures appear on next page]

Dated: April 26, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney for the Plaintiff JFP Touring, LLC

Dated: April 26, 2007

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